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1. PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT--

IN INTRODUCING PRESIDENT CARTER IN THE GA HALL MARCH 17, SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM SAID HE FOUND IT ENCOURAGING THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD COME TO THE UN SO EARLY IN HIS TERM. PRESIDENT CARTER EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD COME TO EXPRESS BOTH HIS OWN AND THE US SUPPORT FOR THE IDEALS OF THE UN. HE OUTLINED EFFORTS THE US WOULD BE MAKING TO ADVANCE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE. STRESSING THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE REQUIRES A MUCH MORE DELIBERATE EFFORT TO CONTAIN THE GLOBAL ARMS RACE, HE SPOKE FIRST OF THE US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP AND THEN THE WIDER NEED TO CONTAIN THE PROLIFERATION OF ARMS THROUGHOUT THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY. THE US, HE SAID, WOULD MAKE A STRONG AND POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. IT WILL ALSO BE ADVANCING PROPOSALS AIMED AT MEETING THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD AND HELPING THEM TO INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY, AND HE HAD ALREADY ASKED CONGRESS FOR \$7,500 BILLION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN THE COMING YEAR.

THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE MEANS ALSO RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY, AND THE BASIC THRUST OF HUMAN AFFAIRS POINTS TOWARD A MORE UNIVERSAL DEMAND FOR FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS, PRESIDENT CARTER SAID. HE PLEDGED THAT THE US WOULD WORK TO SOLVE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS, AND STATED: "ALL SIGNATORIES OF THE UN CHARTER HAVE PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO OBSERVE

AND RESPECT BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, THUS, NO MEMBER OF THE UN CAN CLAIM THAT MISTREATMENT OF ITS CITIZENS IS SOLELY ITS OWN BUSINESS. EQUALLY, NO MEMBER CAN AVOID ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO REVIEW AND TO SPEAK WHEN TORTURE OR UNWARRANTED DEPRIVATION OCCURS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD." HE SAID HE WOULD SEEK CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR SEVERAL UN RIGHTS COVENANTS, AND HE SUPPORTED THE COSTA RICAN PROPOSAL FOR A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

IN CONCLUSION, PRESIDENT CARTER SAID "OUR BASIC PRIORITIES AS WE WORK WITH OTHER MEMBERS TO STRENGTHEN AND TO IMPROVE THE UN" ARE: "WE WILL STRIVE FOR PEACE IN THE TROUBLED AREAS OF THE WORLD; WE WILL ACTIVELY SEEK TO CONTROL THE WEAPONRY OF WAR; WE WILL PROMOTE A NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND COOPERATION; AND WE WILL BE STEADFAST IN OUR DEDICATION TO THE DIGNITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

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AT CONCLUSION OF HIS STATEMENT, PRESIDENT CARTER WAS GIVEN A STANDING OVATION.

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2. NORTH KOREANS RETURN INVITATIONS TO PRESIDENT'S UN SPEECH--

SYG WALDHEIM SENT TICKETS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S MARCH 17 SPEECH AND SYG'S RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE SPEECH TO ALL PERMANENT UN REPRESENTATIVES AND OBSERVERS. ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAT, NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER KWON RETURNED HIS TICKETS AND INVITATION ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 789)

3. EXPANSION OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS--

SECURITY COUNCIL "NONALIGNED" AND OTHERS, REPORTEDLY UNDER SOVIET PRESSURE, AGREED TO ARGUE THAT FULL APPLICATION OF ART. 41 MUST BE INCLUDED IN BRITISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RHODESIAN SANCTIONS WHICH WAS TO BE TABLED AND ACCEPTED BY THE SC MARCH 18. LATER, MAURITIUS PERM REP RAMPHUL TOLD US NONALIGNED ARE WITHHOLDING COSPONSORSHIP OF BRITISH DRAFT AND REQUESTING IT BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE FULL APPLICATION OF ART. 41. IF THAT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE, THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO GO ALONG IN ACCEPTING THE DRAFT, BUT HE WARNED THAT "ANY DELEGATION MIGHT FORCE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO A VOTE" DURING THE SC MEETING. UK PERM REP RICHARD DECIDED THAT UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE COUNCIL NOT TO MEET MARCH 18, AND SC PRESIDENT YOUNG, AFTER CONSULTATIONS, CANCELLED IT IN HOPE THAT THE MATTER CAN BE HANDLED WITHOUT

ACRIMONY MARCH 24. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 787, 801)

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"MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS" OF RHODESIA SENT
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TELEGRAM TO SC PRESIDENT YOUNG REQUESTING AN INVITATION TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE SC CONSIDERATION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA
AND ALSO REQUESTING A POSTPONEMENT OF THE DISCUSSION IN ORDER
TO ALLOW FOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR A RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO
ATTEND. (USUN 798)

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4. SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT--

AT WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP MEETING, CHAIRMAN KAUFMANN (NETHERLANDS) REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED ON BEHALF NONALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE PREPCOM TO SEEK WEOG RESPONSE TO THEIR POSITIONS ON PREPCOM FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. THE GROUP INSTRUCTED KAUFMANN TO REPLY THAT THE WEOG SUPPORTS THEIR PROPOSAL FOR FIVE-MAN BUREAU, CONSIDERS EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS AND IS PREPARED TO LOOK AT ANY LANGUAGE FOR A DECISION-MAKING FORMULA WHICH THE NONALIGNED MAY PRESENT TO THE FIRST PREPCOM; AGREES THE QUESTION OF WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN; AND THINKS IT IS PREMATURE TO CONSIDER LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION. THE FULL BARTON GROUP DISCUSSED THE SAME ISSUES LATER AND BASICALLY AGREED WITH THE POSITIONS REACHED BY WEOG EARLIER.(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 800)

5. UN RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE--

AN INTERIM ASSESSMENT OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON UN RESTRUCTURING (ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL) SHOWS THAT THE SITUATION IS COMPLEX AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT THE POSITIONS OF REGIONAL GROUPS. THE SOVIET BLOC, THOUGH MORE ACTIVE AT LAST SESSION, REMAINED ESSENTIALLY ON THE SIDE-LINES, INTERVENING ONLY TO OPPOSE ADDITIONAL COSTS OR PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE CHARTER REVISIONS. OPERATING AS A UNIT, THE EC-9 FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS AND, THUS, EMERGED PRIMARILY AS DEFENDERS OF THE STATUS QUO. NORDICS GENERALLY SUPPORTED G-77 POSITIONS AND ARGUMENTS, WHILE CANADA AND JAPAN TENDED TOWARD THE DEVELOPED COUNTRY POSITIONS. MUCH OF THE BLAME FOR THE RELATIVELY SLOW PROGRESS RESTS WITH THE G-77. LACKING REAL LEADERSHIP AND FOCUS, THEY WERE UNABLE TO FORMULATE AND PRESENT PSOTIONS THAT WENT

BEYOND THEIR INITIAL INFORMAL PRESENTATION AND THUS TO
ENGAGE IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. MEETINGS WERE REPEATEDLY DELAYED
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TO ALLOW FOR G-77 CAUCUS, OFTEN WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT.
SUBSTANTIVELY, THEIR COMMITMENT TO INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
NIEO RUNS DEEP. THE US ENTERED THE RESTRUCTURING
EXERCISE WITH A HISTORY OF HAVING BEEN A LEADING PROPONENT
OF STRUCTURAL AND OPERATIONAL REFORMS IN THE UN SYSTEM, A
POSITION WHICH IT ENDEAVORED TO MAINTAIN DURING THE COMMITTEE'S
DELIBERATIONS. MAJOR ISSUES THAT HAVE EMERGED CAN BE
GROUPED INTO TWO CATEGORIES: (A) ISSUES MOST DIRECTLY
RELATED TO THE ROLE OF THE UN SYSTEM IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE;
AND (B) ISSUES OF MORE SIGNIFICANCE FOR INTERNAL UN SYSTEM
OPERATIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 793)

6. CONCEPTS OF THE PRESENT AID AND FLOW TARGETS--

UNCTAD'S GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON THE CONCEPTS OF
THE PRESENT AID AND FLOW TARGETS HELD ITS THIRD SESSION
AT THE UN MARCH 7-16 UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF KENDALL(UK).
THE GROUP DISCUSSED A MODELING EXERCISE INDICATING THE NEED
TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE ASSISTANCE
IF THE GNP GROWTH TARGETS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DECADE
WERE TO BE ACHIEVED. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS BROAD AGREEMENT THAT
OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE INCREASED,
THE MORE RADICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS EXERCISE WERE NOT ACCEPTED.
THE PRINCIPAL WORK OF THE GROUP CENTERED ON DISCUSSION OF
HOW THE STATISTICAL FRAMEWORK FOR REPORTING DEVELOPMENT
FINANCE FLOWS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD BE IMPROVED, ES-
PECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE EMERGENCE OF NEW SOURCES OF FINANCE
WHICH ARE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY DOCUMENTED. THE GROUP
DECIDED TO RECOMMEND THAT IT SERVE AS A POINT OF COORDINATION
FOR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE STATISTICAL FRAMEWORK.
(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 792)

7. COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM--

THE COMMITTEE MARCH 17 ELECTED BLACKMAN (BARBADOS)AND
HOLLAI (HUNGARY) AS TWO OF ITS THREE VICE CHAIRMEN AND KATEKA
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(TANZANIA) AS RAPPORTEUR, AND ADJOURNED UNTIL MARCH 21.
CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA (IRAN) HOPED THIRD VICE CHAIRMANSHIP COULD
BE FILLED QUICKLY, AND, IN MEANTIME, INVITED OTHER MEMBERS
OF BUREAU PLUS A WEOG REPRESENTATIVE (PERSSON, SWEDEN)

TO BEGIN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON METHOD OF WORK. CANADA
AND AUSTRIA HAVE DECLINED VICE CHAIRMANSHIP. SWEDES TOLD
WEO GROUP THEY ASKED STOCKHOLM TO RECONSIDER AND REPLY AND BEEN
IT WOULD BE "VERY RELUCTANT" TO ACCEPT POST. HOWEVER, IT
SEEMS LIKELY PERSSON WILL BE WEO CANDIDATE FOR REMAINING VICE
CHAIRMANSHIP. WEO GROUP, AT MEETING ATTENDED BY ONLY US, UK, FRANCE,
SWEDEN AND TURKEY, HAD INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF BUREAU
CANDIDACIES AND METHOD OF WORK. GROUP AGAIN EMPHASIZED
THAT MAJOR WEO GOAL SHOULD BE TO AVOID ANYTHING THAT MIGHT
ENDANGER WORK OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TAKING OF HOSTAGES.
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8. CONSULTATIONS ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES--

IN DISCUSSION WITH UK REPRESENTATIVES ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY OF DIRECT BROADCASTING FROM SATELLITES (DBS), UKDEL ACCEPTED USDEL'S SUGGESTED CHANGES IN LATEST UK DRAFT ON "ELABORATION OF PRINCIPLES RELATING TO DBS." UKDEL CONFIRMED WILLINGNESS INITIALLY TO SUPPORT FRG POSITION THAT NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OR ATTEMPTS TO FORMULATE PRIOR CONSENT PRINCIPLES ARE NECESSARY, AND SAID UK WOULD VIEW ITS DRAFT PRINCIPLES AS FALL BACK POSITION. THE BRITISH SHOWED US COPY OF NEW DRAFT OF A CANADIAN/SWEDISH PROPOSAL ON "NOTIFICATION, CONSULTATIONS AND AGREEMENT," AND THEY AGREED THAT WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION IT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 791)

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9. OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE--

THE SUBCOMMITTEE DECIDED MARCH 17 THAT TUERK (AUSTRIA) SHOULD SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP III, WHICH DEALS WITH REMOTE SENSING, IN ABSENCE OF NETTEL (AUSTRIA) WHO IS NOT ATTENDING THIS SESSION. IN GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF CHILE, VENEZUELA, ITALY, UK AND POLAND.

CANALES (CHILE) SAID THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD BEEN FLEXIBLE IN THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE RESOURCES OF THE MOON BUT WANTED TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE MAJORITY OF STATES WHICH WERE AT A DISADVANTAGE IN SPACE COMPETITION. DBS PROVIDED "A POWERFUL WEAPON FOR HOSTILE PROPAGANDA" AND LEGISLATION WAS NECESSARY TO PREVENT ABUSES. HE SUPPORTED PRIOR CONSENT FOR REMOTE SENSING, BUT DID NOT FEEL THAT LACK OF AGREED PRINCIPLES SHOULD HOLD UP TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN THAT FIELD. IN CHILE'S VIEW, DEFINITION AND/OR DELIMITATION WAS NECESSARY. CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSALVI (VENEZUELA) STATED THAT THE PROPOSALS ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE MOON MADE BY THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES OFFERED A BASIS FOR SOLUTION. ALTHOUGH BELIEVING IN FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, VENEZUELA WOULD NOT AGREE TO UNILATERAL CONTROL OF INFORMATION BY THE GREAT POWERS. AGREEMENTS AMONG STATES ON DBS WAS ESSENTIAL, CONSALVI HELD ADDING "WE HAVE A RIGHT TO PRESERVE WHAT IS OURS."

CAVAGLIERI (ITALY) RECALLED ITALY'S SUGGESTIONS LAST YEAR FOR THE MOON TREATY. HE SAID THE IDEAS EMBODIED IN THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT REGARDING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WOULD CONTINUE TO INSPIRE ITALY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD REMOTE SENSING. ON DBS, ITALY FAVORED FREEDOM TO DISSEMINATE NEWS AND IDEAS AND THE FREEDOM TO RECEIVE THEM; HOWEVER FREEDOM WAS NOT THE SAME AS LICENSE, AND IT ALWAYS IMPLIED RESPONSIBILITY.

GREENWOOD (UK) NOTED THE UK'S ATTITUDE ON THE MOON TREATY WAS FLEXIBLE, AND SAID UKDEL'S POSITION ON DBS CONTINUED TO BE THAT NO CONSENT FROM THE RECEIVING STATE WAS REQUIRED. HE SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ON THE PLAN APPROVED AT THE ITU'S WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE, AND CONCLUDED THAT DELIBERATE STATE-TO-STATE BROADCASTING BY SATELLITE WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF THE RECEIVING STATE WOULD BE NOT ONLY IN BREACH OF TREATY OBLIGATIONS BUT -IN PRACTICE IMPOSSIBLE". THEREFORE, IN UKDEL'S VIEW, IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO FORMULATE A PRINCIPLE FOR "A SITUATION WHICH CANNOT IN PRACTICE ARISE." ON REMOTE SENSING, THE UK BELIEVED UNRESTRICTED DISSEMINATION WAS THE BEST SAFEGUARD. IT WAS STILL PREMATURE TO FORMULATE A DEFINITION OF OUTER SPACE. IN UKDEL'S VIEW, THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF FACILITIES IN THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT MADE IT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT NO PART OF IT SHOULD BE APPROPRIATED BY ANY SINGLE STATE; THE WHOLE ORBIT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALL STATES FOR PEACEFUL EXPLORATION AND USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OUTER SPACE TREATY, AND ACTIVITIES IN THIS ORBIT SHOULD

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CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO ORDERLY REGULATORY PROCEDURES BY APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

GORBIEL (POLAND) CALLED FOR (A) NO FURTHER DELAY IN SOLVING THE QUESTION OF THE MOON'S RESOURCES AND (B) PRIOR CONSENT IN DBS. HE SUPPORTED THE NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL REGARDING CLASSIFICATION OF REMOTE SENSING DATA INTO CATEGORIES.

10. COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA STANDING COMMITTEE III--

CHAIRMAN PAVICEVIC (YUGOSLAVIA) TOLD THE COMMITTEE MARCH 17 THAT ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, COLOMBIA AND MEXICO FORMALLY

ACCEPTED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND NIGERIA AND ROMANIA ACCEPTED
IN PRINCIPLE, PENDING FORMAL CONSENT BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS,
THUS ENLARGING THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP TO 12. OTHER MEMBERS
ARE BURUNDI, EGYPT, GUYANA, INDIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND ZAMBIA.
DURING THE MEETING THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE TEXT FOR A NAMIBIA
SOUVERIR CARD AND CONSIDERED THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW STAMP
FOR NAMIBIA AND THE SENDING OF A MISSION TO THE SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF DISSEMINATION OF IN-
FORMATION ABOUT NAMIBIA AND ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIANS.

11. COMMUNICATION FROM CHILE--

AT THE REQUEST OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILE, THE
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GOVERNMENT OF CHILE REJECTING THE REMARKS MADE BY MR.
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